FIG.1

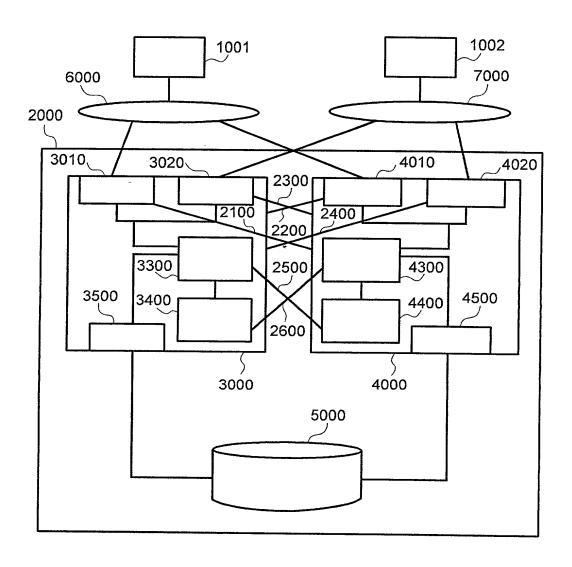


FIG.2

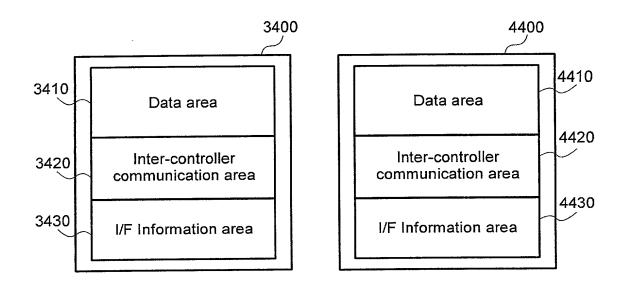


FIG.3

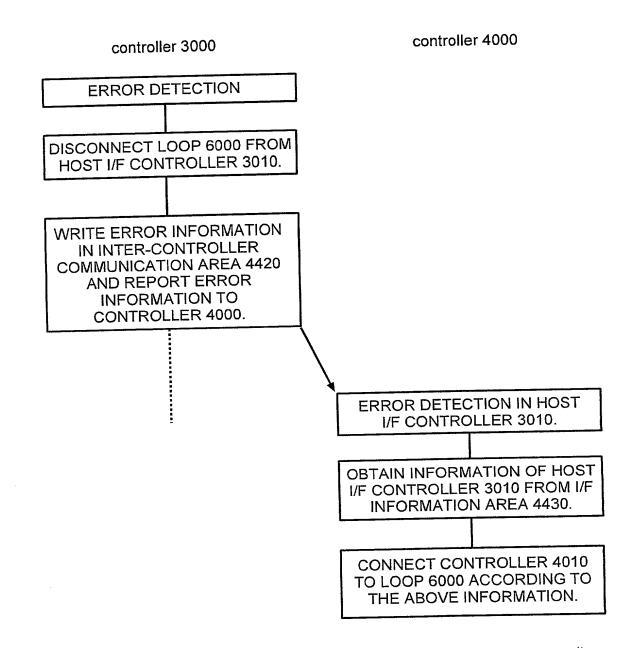


FIG.4

Controller 3000

Controller 4000

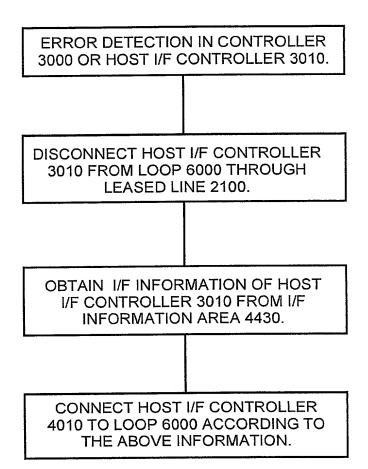


FIG.5

Controller 3000

Controller 4000

WRITE RECOVERY
INFORMATION IN INTERCONTROLLER
COMMUNICATION AREA
4420 AND
REPORT THE
RECOVERY TO
CONTROLLER 4000.

RECOVERY DETECTION IN HOST I/F CONTROLLER 3010.

DISCONNECT HOST I/F CONTROLLER 4010 FROM LOOP 6000.

WRITE COMPLETION OF THE DISCONNECTION IN INTER-CONTROLLER COMMUNICATION AREA 3420 AND REPORT THE COMPLETION TO CONTROLLER 3000.

REPORT COMPLETION OF HOST I/F CONTROLLER 4010 DISCONNECTION.

OBTAIN INFORMATION OF HOST I/F CONTROLLER 4010 FROM I/F INFORMATION AREA 3430.

CONNECT HOST I/F CONTROLLER 3010 TO LOOP 6000 ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION.